Over half a million people checked in opposing an issue that most Americans knew nothing about (and these are just the people who could get through on a bogged down phone and Internet system) and, yet, it passed. Therefore, looking for a way to understand this, I went to the dictionary and found:

According to The American Heritage Dictionary: fas cism (fash' iz' em) n. - A system of government that exercises a dictatorship of the extreme right, typically through the merging of state and business leadership, together with belligerent nationalism. $\{<$ Ital. fascio,group.] - fas'cist n.

I understand that a movement is underway to amend this to add the following at the end after fascist - see Michael Powell.